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SUBJECT: EVACUATION

1. FCO HAS DECIDED IT CANNOT RPT CANNOT AUTHORIZE EVACUATION OF GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS EMPLOYED BY USG SINCE IT HAS DECIDED NOT TO EVACUATE SUCH EMPLOYEES OF HMG. IT WILL BE REPLYING TO THIS EFFECT TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON, WHICH HAS COME IN WITH QUERY FROM DEPARTMENT SIMILAR TO OURS.

2. WE HAVE ARGUED WITH DEPT. HEAD GOODISON (WHO IS PLAYING KEY ADVISORY ROLE TO CALLAGHAN AT THE MOMENT) THAT UK POLICY TOWARD ITS THIRD NATIONAL EMPLOYEES IS IRRELEVANT. BRITISH ARE RENDERING USG A SERVICE AND SHOULD BE EVACUATING ALL PEOPLE THAT USG WOULD EVACUATE IF IT HAD CAPACITY ON THE SPOT TO DO SO. GOODISON RESISTED THIS ARGUMENT ON BASIS THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO APPLY ON THE GROUND.

3. WE THEN SHIFTED TO REQUEST HE LEAVE THIS TO LOCAL BRITISH COMMANDER WHO CAN BE BEST JUDGE OF WHAT IS FEASIBLE ON THE SPOT. GOODISON, WITH DUE FORMALITY, ASSURED US THAT HMG COMMUNICATIONS LINES TO CYPRUS ARE OVERLOADED. FCO MUST REPLY TO REQUEST FROM WASHINGTON.
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HOWEVER, REPLY WILL BE MADE "WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED."

4. RECOMMENDATION: WE SUGGEST NICOSIA PRESS UK HICOM
AND LOCAL BRITISH COMMANDER AS HARD AS POSSIBLE TO
EVACUATE THESE FBIS EMPLOYEES QUICKLY. THERE SHOULD BE
2-3 HOURS LEFT BEFORE FCO MAKES ITS INSTRUCTIONS KNOWN.
IF OPERATION CANNOT PROCEED THAT RAPIDLY AND FBIS
PEOPLE ARE STRANDED, WE ARE PREPARED TO MARCH IN AT
HIGHER LEVEL WITH EFFORT TO REVERSE THIS DECISION
(DIFFICULT AS THAT SEEMS). NICOSIA PLEASE ADVISE AS
SITUATION UNFOLDS. DEPT. MAY ALSO WISH WEIGH IN AT
HIGH LEVEL.

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